

**MINUTES**  
**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**1917 SOUTH IH-35, BOARD ROOM, AUSTIN, TX**  
**MAY 23, 2013 – 8:00 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Elvira Reyna, Acting Chair, called the Legislative Committee meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) to order at 8:01 a.m. on May 23, 2013, at the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, 1917 South Interstate 35, Austin, TX. (NOTE: All votes are unanimous, unless noted otherwise.)

**1. Roll call and welcome visitors.**

James “Jim” Greer, P.E.	Chair (excused absence)
Elvira Reyna	Acting Chair
Carry A. Baker	Member
Edward Summers, Ph.D.	Member

A quorum was present. Ms. Veena Mohan, Assistant Attorney General, was present to provide legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Jose I. Guerra, P.E., and Mr. Edmundo Gonzalez, Jr., P.E, Emeritus Board Members, were present.

The following staff members were present:

Lance Kinney, P.E.	Executive Director
Priscilla Pipho, MPA	Deputy Executive Director
C.W. Clark, P.E.	Director of Compliance & Enforcement
David Howell, P.E.	Director of Licensing
Dewey Helmcamp, III JD	Staff Attorney
Dorothy Gonzales	Executive Assistant

**Visitors.** Terry Bilderback, Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE), Ken O’Brien, Texas Department Of Transportation (TxDOT).

**2. Public comment.** None.

**DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON THE FOLLOWING (AGENDA ITEMS 3-6):**

**3. Discuss and possibly approve the February 14, 2013, Legislative Issues Committee Minutes.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Baker) to approve the February 14, 2013, Legislative Issues Committee Minutes as submitted. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

**4. Update on Sunset.**

Mrs. Pipho reported that the Sunset Bills passed, and summarized Senate Bill 204, and the new requirements and recommendations effective September 1, 2013. In addition, House Bill 1685, which is the Self-Directed Semi-Independent (SDSI) Sunset Bill also passed, and makes SDSI permanent status rather than a pilot project. She also mentioned that the Board will have rule proposals in August to implement the new statutory changes with the anticipated approval of these rules in November. The Committee members also discussed several bills that were filed but did not pass.

**5. Report on bill tracking.**

Mrs. Pipho reported that the Board was tracking approximately 300 bills, and only 100 have survived the legislative process. The Board is tracking all bills related to the profession and any bills that will affect employees. Mrs. Pipho is still tracking bills for any possible action that may be taken on them. Mr. Kinney added that the two Sunset bills are awaiting the Governor's signature. Now the Board will be working on preparing rules for the August meeting.

Mr. O'Brien suggested that the Board contact agencies that employ engineers to make these new requirements an easy transition process.

**6. Issues for future consideration and schedule next committee meeting. None.**

**ADJOURN.**

It was MOVED/SECONDED (Summers/Baker) to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 am. A vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED.

Date Committee approved as submitted: August 29, 2013  
Date Board accepted: August 29, 2013